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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HIJIN SATO ET AL : EXAMINER: CONTEE, J
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FOR: MULTICAST SERVICE :
PROVIDING SYSTEM, MULTICAST
SERVICE PROVIDING METHOD,
INFORMATION DISTRIBUTING
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AND RADIO BASE STATION

RESPONSE

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In response to the Communication of July 30, 2002, the following comments are presented.

The Communication of July 30, 2002 indicates the Preliminary Amendment filed March 25, 2002, is non-compliant as it does not provide a marked-up version of the amended claims.

In response to the outstanding communication it is noted that the Preliminary Amendment filed March 25, 2002, is completely proper as there were no amended claims submitted therein. Specifically, that Preliminary Amendment canceled each of the original claims and added new claims. As such there are no amended claims that could be shown in a marked-up version.

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Thus, the outstanding Communication is believed to be erroneous as the Preliminary Amendment filed March 25, 2002, is proper in all aspects.

In view of the Preliminary Amendment filed March 25, 2002, the present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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